

**ANONYMOUS PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
RECOVERY KIT (PERK) STORAGE
NOTIFICATION FORM (PART A)**

Patient Name:
Health Care Facility/Provider Name:
Health Care Provider's Number:
Date of Exam:
PERK Number:

I _____ am asking that the evidence collected during my Physical Evidence Recovery Kit (PERK) examination be stored by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services. At this time, I do not want to contact the police, and I am not ready to give my name or to have the PERK given to law enforcement.

I have read and understand the following:

A. The evidence collected during my examination will be stored in a sealed box by the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS).

- a. The outside of the sealed box is labeled with a unique PERK number (listed on the top right of this form). My name is sealed within the box.
- b. DCLS will not give my name or the PERK to police unless I make a police report.
- c. DCLS will hold the PERK for at least two (2) years.
- d. The PERK will not be opened or tested unless I make a police report.
- e. After two (2) years, DCLS can destroy the PERK without contacting me.
- f. If I wish DCLS to store the PERK for longer than two (2) years, I need to contact the Lab Director at (804) 648-4480. I will need to give the Lab Director the PERK number found at the top right of this form.

B. If I decide to make a police report, I should call the following law enforcement agency.

Law enforcement agency: _____

Phone number: _____

By signing below, I am saying that I understand the information above and that DCLS may destroy the PERK after two (2) years has passed.

Patient Signature

Date

Health Care Provider's Signature

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Why is it helpful to make a report to the police now?

- a. The police can talk with you about what happened and see if there is any other evidence from the crime scene(s) and from the suspect(s).
- b. The police can talk to any witness(es).
- c. The police will get the PERK, and it will be tested for DNA. This may help the police with their case.
- d. The police may be able to help you with any safety concerns you have.
- e. The Virginia Victims Fund may be able to help you with any crime-related costs.

Why waiting to make a report to the police can make it harder to prosecute the person(s) who assaulted me?

- a. Evidence that could help may be lost forever, including blood, urine and additional items.
- b. The police will not be able to talk to the suspect(s) or the witness(es), who may not be available at a later time.
- c. It may be harder to investigate and prosecute the case if you wait to make a police report.

The cost for collection of the PERK is paid for by the Virginia Victims Fund (VVF). You may receive additional bills from the doctor or hospital for medical care. If you have any questions about a bill you receive, please contact the VVF at (800) 552-4007 or at cicfmail@vwc.state.va.us for help.

If you need help or want to talk with someone, please call the Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline at (800) 838-8238 (V/TTY). Hotline staff is available 24 hours a day.